

**The Iranian President, Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, speaks  
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[...] Now allow me to say a few words to the people of Germany and Austria. Look at the atmosphere in the world today. See how those who purport to promote human rights and democracy really want to run the world.

60 Years ago, there was a war in which 60 Million people on both sides died. If we would have had power then, we would have prevented this carnage. To the best of our ability, we would have tried to prevent this slaughter. It's been 60 years since this war, and the people in Palestine are still paying the price for a war in which they were not involved.

The current generation in Germany is still paying for reparations for a war they themselves have not participated in. I am asking now the following question: Let's assume that 60 years ago, a certain regime in Germany started a certain war, in which certain crimes have been committed. Three generations later, which fault carries the current German generation that it has to be further so humiliated? Why can't they play an independent role in international relations?

They are reminded nonstop that their parents were 'criminals.' Monuments have been erected there. All countries build monuments for things they are proud of, and when tourists visit them, then they show them those monuments. But there [in Germany], they build monuments where every German who passes by a park will be constantly reminded, "See, you are the son of 'criminals,' and you must be ashamed." In culture, science and international politics, Germany should play a prominent role. But 60 years later, the Germans are still held hostage by a handful of people to chastise them, as if they themselves had planned all the events of that era.

And now they even say that no one is allowed to talk about or investigate these events. Why is no one allowed to investigate? Why should a small handful of people be allowed to ignite the whole world, just so that they can fill their own pockets. Why?

We are against those methods of running the world, and we say this clearly. I am declaring here openly that I am against the political methods of the USA and England in running the world. And by the way, I support peace and quiet. I am a very peace-loving man. How is it that whenever someone criticizes you [apparently U.S., Israel, and England], or exposes your mistakes, you immediately attack him through the media-that you finance-and portray him as a criminal? Wrong! Ahmadinejad is a simple schoolteacher and a very peace-loving man. To this day, I have never harmed an ant in my life. So, God willing, [...]

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